

Weekly Status & Information Report: June 20 - 24, 2011

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of June 27, 2011:

- The City Council will not meet on June 27 to enable members to attend the Maryland Municipal League Convention. The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 5.
 - Ethics Commission meeting, Monday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Rose Room
 - Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information.
(City Clerk)

2. No Passports on Monday and Tuesday: No Passport Agents will be available to process U.S. Passports in the Takoma Park Community Center on June 27 and 28. Passport services will only be available on Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We regret the inconvenience! (Deputy City Manager)

3. Post Purchase Seminar for New Home Owners - July 16: Now that you have purchased a home, take your knowledge of home ownership to the next level. Montgomery County and Housing and Community Initiatives, Inc. (HCI) are sponsoring a post purchase class that will help you to maintain and protect your real estate investment. Learn how to keep up with repairs, keep records, find help when you need it and how to budget for the future. The class will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 9:30am - 11:30am at the Montgomery County Council Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, 1st floor Auditorium. Pre-registration is required by going to www.hcii.org or calling 301-590-2765. (Housing and Community Development)

4. Thursday! Takoma Langley Sector Plan Design Guidelines (Ward 6): The M-NCPPC Planning Staff has released their draft of the proposed design guidelines for the area encompassed by the Takoma Langley Sector Plan. They will be discussing this draft with the Planning Board on June 30, currently scheduled for the late afternoon.
<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2011/agenda20110630e.html>. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Thursday! New Ave Social (Wards 2, 3 & 6): Meet your neighbors, property and business owners Thursday, June 30 to talk about the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. Nibbles provided, conversation on you. 6 PM at Tijuana's Mexican Cafe, 949 University Blvd at Merrimac Drive. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Last Week to Sign Up - No Boundaries Engagement Forum with County Councilmember Valerie Ervin (Ward 6): Councilmember Ervin will be hosting a table discussion for stakeholders in Montgomery County and Prince George's County July 8 at 9 AM - note venue has changed to Piney Branch Elementary School - RSVP by July 1 to councilmember.ervin@montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling 240-777-7960. For more info

see: <http://www.thenewwave.com/do/no-boundaries-engagement-forum>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. 2nd Annual New Ave Commercial Property Owners Meeting (Ward 2, 3 & 6):

Thursday, June 23, City Manager Barbara Matthews and Mayor Bruce Williams hosted the 2nd annual meeting for commercial property owners along the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. The meeting was very successful and well-attended. Keynote speaker Evan Goldman from Federal Realty Investment Fund shared lessons learned from the White Flint Partnership. Property owners, City staff, and a WMATA representative presented updates on upcoming development projects and the K6 priority bus corridor study. State and County representatives discussed financial incentive programs. Attendees were left with the important message that public-private partnership is essential in order to achieve the New Ave vision. (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. Takoma Langley Sector Plan Council Review (Ward 6): City staff attended the first Montgomery County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED) meeting regarding the Takoma Langley Sector Plan. At the meeting Councilmember Valerie Ervin backed the City's position to retain existing CR Zone text limits on expansion of larger property buildings without community input or adherence to the Sector Plan recommendations or design guidelines. City staff reiterated the importance of maintaining the residential nature of the streets adjacent to commercial development in New Hampshire Gardens and agreed with a County Council staff recommendation to reduce the recommended speed limit at the Crossroads intersection to one less harmful to pedestrians. The next meeting will be Monday, June 27. (*Housing and Community Development*)

9. Commercial/Residential Zones (Ward 2 and 6): City staff attended CR Zone zoning text amendment meetings by the Montgomery County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED). The City asked the committee to include language highlighting the unusual nature of the zone as it moves height and density limitations from the zone text to the map. The City of Takoma Park also asked that, as they look at adjusting the list of community benefits, to remember not to create barriers to the ability of owners of small properties to afford redevelopment (as is the case with the currently adopted zoning language). (*Housing and Community Development*)

10. Middle School Division (Y.E.S. League): Players had fun this week and all of the teams look to be competitive in each and every game. Monday practice time has been added for coaches in this division and players will only get better as time goes on. Many of the coaches in this division are teenagers and have taken a personal interest in giving back to the community. All in all officials were great, parents enjoyed the games and the players had FUN!! (*Recreation*)

11. High School Division (Y.E.S. League): This division is full of talent and a lot of excited teens. Games went well and teams were matched up perfectly for week 1. The referees this week were Recreation Department staff members (Omar, Rashid, and Recreation Manager, Eric Rasch). Volunteer scorekeepers and time keepers did a phenomenal job as the excitement of over 100 spectators filled the gym. For more volunteer opportunities please contact Lew

McAllister (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

12. **Senior Bingo:** On Thursday, June 23, ten lucky seniors joined together at the Takoma Park Community Center to play bingo, win prizes, and socialize with each other. (*Recreation*)

13. **Teen Garden:** If you haven't seen the wonderful Teen Garden in the police parking lot, please stop by. The cucumbers, tomatoes and sweet banana peppers have arrived along with an array of herbs that are ready for the picking. Teens are learning how to grow their own food, in addition to learning how to cook some tasty dishes with food that will be harvest from the garden. The garden is cared for by the teens on Mondays and Thursday. Additional teens are welcomed to participate and will receive SSL hours. This project is organized by Kay Daniels-Cohen, President of the SS Carroll Neighborhood Association, and the Recreation Committee. The project was funded by the Takoma Foundation. For more information contact Faye Wright 301-891-7283. (*Recreation*)

14. **Seniors Oldies but Goodies Picnic:** Takoma Park Teens will be hosting a picnic for the seniors on Thursday, June 30 from 12:30-2:30pm, at the Heffner Community Center. Seniors are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of music from the 50's, 60's & 70's along with plenty of food and fun. During this intergenerational social, seniors are encouraged to bring mementos to discuss the history and/or the story behind the keepsake. Transportation to the Heffner Community Center will be provided at 12:30pm from the Takoma Park Community Center. For more information, contact Faye Wright at 301 891-7283. (*Recreation*)

15. **Officers in Training:** On June 20 through June 24, D/Cpl. Gaskin and D/Pfc. Butler attended training entitled Managing Death Investigations in Sykesville, Maryland. (*Police*)

16. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (June 10 - 23, 2011) may be viewed online at:
http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_23.html. (*Police*)

17. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 204 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, eight vehicle impounds, two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests and 10 arrests from traffic.

During June 15-22, 2011, the following details were completed:

June 15, 2011

- Erskine Avenue & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations for speed and eight other State citations.
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations and one warning.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- 7500 block of Maple Avenue (wrong way-one way street) - conducted a 30-minute detail and

issued one State citation.

- Hancock Avenue & Lee Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

June 16, 2011

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- 7500 block of Maple Avenue (wrong way-one way street) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 10 State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

June 18, 2011

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and four warnings.

June 19, 2011

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

June 20, 2011

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- East West Highway & Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued three State citations for speed, one other State citations and one warning.
- 1100 block of University Blvd. (equipment violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations, two warnings and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven State citations and one warning.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

June 21, 2011

- 7500 block of Maple Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Maple Avenue & Philadelphia Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various

times and issued three State citations.

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

June 22, 2011

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

(Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes): *Week ending 6/23/11*

Hours worked: 51

Calls for service: 8

State Citations issued: 86

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 4

Warnings: 6

City tickets: 8

Reports: 17

Warrant arrests: 2

On View arrests: 1

(Police)